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Waiver of Methylprednisolone Sodium Succinate Protocol and Authorization to Use a Substitute

I, Catherine R. Eden, Director of the Department of Health Services, on this day of December, 2002, in accordance with provisions of Arizona Revised Statute ("A.R.S.") § 36-2202(D), do affix my signature to this directive waiving the protocol extablished under A.R.S. § 36-2205 for the administration of methylpresnisolone by advanced life support ("ALS") emergency medical personnel, under the direction of on-line medical control, to use dexamethasone in place of methylprednisolone. However, dexamethasone may only be used in the event that methylprednisolone is unavailable. The waiver of the methylprednisolone protocol and the substitution of dexamethasone is for an indefinite duration.

Catherine R. Eden, Director